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God vs Evil; Psalm 64  
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Introduction – Rather than study Psalm 64 from the point of historical background, let's examine the two main overarching themes discussed. God and evil. Notice Psalm 64 doesn't juxtapose good and evil, but rather God and evil. It doesn't position good-doers opposite evildoers. This battle is the Lord's.

Throughout so many of the psalms we read that God is our refuge, God is our fortress, God is our Deliverer. This psalm doesn't declare God to be refuge, fortress, and deliverer. This psalm displays God as refuge, fortress, and deliverer.

- I. Evil is No Small Foe (vv1-6)
  - a. The first 6 verses remind us that sin is no small matter. Evil is a real, formidable foe. It's not something to take lightly. Nothing to trifle with.
  - b. Psalm 64 is a shocking wake up call to reality for our chipper culture. We have become accustomed to sin and desensitized to evil. We cheer it, glamorize it, joke about it. We often make light of the very things God calls abominable. We tap the "like" button often when our hearts should be breaking at the glossing over of sin. Our ease with evil will be our undoing if we're not shaken from our spiritual slumber. Sin means to destroy. Evil means to cripple.
  - c. The plotting of evil – v2. Evil plans its pitfalls. It holds out the carrot while secretly leading to the trap. It schemes by offering a taste of pleasure before it bites. It's a master of hiding its real intention behind a veneer of pleasure.
  - d. The strength in numbers of evil. Sin quickly and easily gathers the masses. It's appealing and alluring and convincing to the human nature. Wrong has no problem gathering a wrong crowd.
  - e. The ferocious verbosity of evil, v3. The use of words to threaten, to silence, to slander, to cut down. The twisted tongue is one of evil's greatest weapons. If you talk fast enough and loud enough and defend your position with enough reasons and quotes and emotion, if you say it often enough, people begin to think it true.

- f. The fearless intent of evil, v4. It's fearless because it has rejected God. If there is no God to hold you accountable, then you may live and speak as you please. So evil is relentlessly denying God so that it may harm and hurt and silence the blameless, thinking there will be no reprisal.
  - g. The determination of evil, v5. Again, the moral compass has been removed because God has been removed – “Who can see them?” If there is no ultimate judge or judgment, then evil can dig down deep.
  - h. V6 describes just how deep evil will go – all the way to the inward mind and heart. Evil will not be satisfied until it has reached the bottom and core of man. They are then totally consumed in a constant quest and ongoing search for how to unleash the evil that has taken hold.
  - i. The point is so very clear – evil is no small foe.
- II. God Will Conquer Evil (vv7-10)
- a. However, just because evil denies God and rejects God and ignores God and convinces itself that God is not able to stop it, God remains God still.
  - b. The justice of God, v7. Evil may have its day, but that's all it will have. There will always come a time when God stops evil in its tracks. Evil has its arrows, but so does God, and He is a greater archer with surer arrows. Those who seek to silence God will themselves be silenced. Those who seek to ruin the blameless will themselves be ruined.
  - c. God will see to it. God will conquer. God will triumph over evil. He often displays His just authority throughout time; He will display His ultimate authority at the end of time.
  - d. The witness of God's justice. Those who search out injustice will be dealt the justice of God with such divine demonstration that no one will be able to deny the hand of God.
  - e. Notice the justice of God is a global event. “Then all mankind fears” God often intervenes in local situations to thwart and silence evil. But there is a great worldwide display of God's justice coming. Every evil in every corner of the globe will cease when He returns to reign supreme.
  - f. The justice of God is a final event. “They are brought to ruin.” Evil will run out of its might and cunning altogether. There will be no more

schemes and plots. No more words and snares and evil intent. Evil will be ruined and God will reign.

- g. The justice of God will be a rememberable event. “They tell what God has brought about and ponder what He has done.” It will not soon be forgotten. It will never be forgotten that evil did not win. Sin was vanquished. Wrong was made right. Justice was served.
- h. The justice of God will be a shocking, unforeseen, unpredictable event for evil. For if evil thinks itself above God, with no God and no accountability, it will never imagine that God will bring about its own undoing from within. Evil has such an insatiable appetite for evil, that it will eventually turn on itself and eat its own.
- i. That’s the ultimate deception of sin. It doesn’t mean for you to win; it means to have you as its prey. Do its bidding and then reap its consequences.

Conclusion – yes evil is no small foe, but God is no small God. When evil stands against God, it loses every time. Evil can be as evil as it can be and still not be greater than God.

Since that is the case, then the people of God have no need to fret, worry, or fear. What do we do when evil rises and darkness advances? We rejoice. God will win this fight. We run to Him as our refuge. God will win this fight. We take heart. God will win this fight.

V10.